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TILLMAN BERRA LOOSE AGAIN

In the United States Senate on Wednesday of this week, Mr. Tillman, of South Carolina, he of pitch fork fame and only recently censured by the senate, made a most remarkable speech. He has never denied the frauds at election, but this time openly boasts of them. The Democratic Senators who have been vilifying the army for what they said were the persecutions of the Filipinos were horrified at Tillman's defense of lynchings and murders of colored people in this country. So badly humiliated were they, that every Democrat except McLaurin, of Mississippi, and Gibson, of Montana, left the chamber and would not listen to the indecent rant. "In one county there were 2,000 more negroes than whites and yet we returned a Democratic majority of 8,000 and could have made it 49,000 just as easily."

"When we think it is necessary to put a nigger's face in the sand we put his body there too."

"We use the shot gun as one of the means of maintaining white supremacy."

These are specimens of his oratory, and it is not surprising that such means should bring forth such a Senator. A rule of brute force produces brutal rulers.

The probabilities are that this speech will mark the end of the Democratic agitation of the Philippine question. Mr. Tillman has furnished the Republicans with enough ammunition to more than repulse any attack made on the administration. It is hardly conceivable that men even so regardless of the facts as some of the younger Democratic Senators will dare talk about abuses and persecutions 10,000 miles away and upon a barbarous race, when one of their own leaders openly boasts of worse practices in the states which they represent, and upon a people who have always as a race been considered as law abiding and peaceful, and who from centuries of life in this country have absorbed our civilization.

THAT BILL OF JESTER'S

We deem it but right to note a correction as to the facts in the case of the bill of James W. Jester for oyster shells, to which reference was made last week. When the article was written, we only knew what all of the Wilmington dailies reported as the action of the Levy Court. Since we have seen the bills and the records in the case. Instead of one bill for \$1200 there were five bills each for less than \$500, but all were for the same work and continuation of the same contract. The attempt at evasion was so evident that Comptroller Kelley could but refuse to approve them either as one bill or as five bills.

After thoroughly investigating the matter, the court could do nothing but pay the three bills aggregating \$1,200. As to the price mentioned 2¢ per bushel, applied to delivering only, as shells cannot be purchased in large quantities for less than 3 or 4 cents per bushel. The court has also passed a resolution not to receive shells in small quantities in the future, but when shells are wanted the contract will be awarded to responsible parties to furnish the quantity desired in bulk.

WILLIAM T. SAMPSON

After months of suffering, during the greater part of which time he was in no condition to know or understand the bitter fight waged about him and his record, Rear-Admiral Sampson passed quietly away on Tuesday last. This death ends the Schley-Sampson controversy. From a lowly beginning, by sheer force of merit and pluck, Admiral Sampson had fought his way to the top of the naval ladder. Stern, upright, a strict disciplinarian, he was probably not so warmly loved as some other prominent officers. But even his opponents respected and admired him. It was his misfortune to be away from the Santiago blockage that fateful Sunday morning when so much glory was won by American sailors. This indirectly caused his death, as constant brooding over the disappointment brought on an affliction of the brain still

he had largely instrumental in designing and building, that won the victory. The country has lost a brave soldier and an accomplished man.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS

Quite a number visited the fishing shores on Saturday.

The first cherries of the season have arrived from California.

A great many farmers are employing Bohemians for farm hands.

There is enough dust to convince us that summer is really coming.

Messrs. Clayton and James Johns were guests in Sassafras on Wednesday.

Miss Alice Dreka has returned from an extended trip to McDonald friends.

Mr. Edward Lain, of Galena, visited Sassafras and Middletown on Wednesday.

The all absorbing topic among the society folk now is where the summer will be spent.

Miss Alice Dreka and Ethel Lofland visited Wilmington Thursday on a shopping tour.

Mrs. Tott, of Wilmington, is being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jones near town.

Mr. Luff Spry left on Sunday to visit his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Allen, of Cecilton.

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John Banks was the guest of friends in Baltimore last week.

Henry A. Lindsay, Jr., of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents.

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Mr. J. S. Newcomb, of Elton, is in town.

Miss B. Wilson Kunkel is in Philadelphia this week.

Rev. J. McLain Brown was in Baltimore part of last week.

Little Hattie Manlove, of near town, is very ill with pneumonia.

Miss Helen M. Eaton will spend to-day and to-morrow in Wilmington.

Mrs. Ethel M. Staats, of Cayots, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mr. J. R. Price is entertaining Mrs. Clark, of Philadelphia, this week.

Mr. John Bennett, of Wilmington, was the guest of his parents on Sunday.

Mr. Mark Manlove visited Mr. Max Blane, of Marshallton, Del., on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Ginn and son Wilson, visited Mrs. J. B. Stephens Tuesday.

The new house which is being erected by R. Riley Smith, is nearing completion.

Mrs. J. P. Wilson, of near Fredericktown, visited her mother Mrs. Rachel Merritt.

Mr. Walter Aiken, of the Howard House, Elton, was a visitor in town Tuesday.

Mr. James S. Merritt, Sr., is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Elwood G. Williams, of Washington, D. C.

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The town base ball team and the team from North East played a game on Saturday. The score being 18 to 20 in favor of our team.

Mr. Henry Pensek is erecting a wind mill to supply his house with water. Mr. J. P. Steele will join him, they are both putting in bath rooms.

The entertainment given by the United

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quite a success, and was very well attended notwithstanding the unpleasant evening.

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Lewis Newcomb, Raymond Moore, William S. Moore, Alfred Bradford, Horace Blizard and John Bass, all residents of Bridgeton and Cedarville, N. J., were arraigned in General Sessions Court at Dover on Thursday, having been indicted by the grand jury for taking diamond-back terrapin from Delaware waters near Leipsic. The men decided to plead guilty on each of the six charges against them, and requested that the second case against John Bass be nol prossecuted

BY CHARLOTTE WHITCOME.

STEPHEN, Mr. Bright's niece is in town!"
"Ah, my cousin Miriam, you mean?"

"Naturally, as your poor father had but one niece and her name is Miriam, it follows that I mean Miriam, your cousin if you like."

"My cousin, whether I like or not, mother. However, I do not object to the relationship which is perhaps fortunate since it is something which cannot be denied."

"I wish it might be ignored, Stephen."

"I suspected as much. But why? Is she altogether impossible?"

"She is, I imagine, altogether impossible. She called this morning while I was out and left this," and Mrs. Bright handed her son a card bearing the penciled legend,

"Miss MIRIAM BRIGHT,

Stenographer for GRESHAM & GRESHAM."

"I'm glad," continued the lady, "that since Billings took her message, she had the grace to seal the envelope. As to what she is like, Billings described her as 'A red-haired young woman wearing a blue shirt waist and a black skirt.' Only fancy!"

The young man looked amused as he replied,

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"And my mother?" queried the young man.

"Why that is just it!" said the old lawyer with a smile and a shrug. "She is your mother and her love and ambition were, naturally, all for you. Besides, I have reason to believe she disliked the Vances, the family of Miss Bright's mother. Besides all this, Mr. Stephen, your mother, though a perfect lady, is not less a woman, and, my dear sir, there is no accounting for a woman's reason or unreason. You cannot have lived nearly thirty years and visited every court in Europe to learn that fact of an old relative."

"Under the circumstances, then, you will accept Miss Gresham, but what do you think of my chance with either?"

"Well, dear mother, I can repair many mistakes by giving you a good wife with two. I suppose you would prefer Miss Nathan to Miss Gresham, but what do you think of my chance with either?"

"Stephen, I haven't a doubt but that you might have married Miss Nathan if you had set about it rightly, and at first, but I do think that now she is interested to say the least, in Donald Gresham."

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Stephen Bright had been at home but two weeks after an absence of six years. Immediately on his graduation from a Western college he had gone abroad to take a post graduate course at an English university. Here his parents had been told him several times, but on their return, two years ago, his father was stricken with paralysis and died after a few days of total unconsciousness. Stephen was summoned by cable to attend the funeral, but the message missed him, he had started on a tour of the continent, and reached him in company with a second cablegram from the family lawyer, saying the funeral obsequies were over, the house closed and his mother gone for a rest in her childhood's home. He was advised to finish his travels as his father had planned.

He returned to find himself a stranger to many of the happenings in his own home. Of his cousin Miriam, he knew that she had been left a penniless orphan at fifteen years of age the year he went abroad, that she had been placed in an Eastern boarding school and later at a leading Woman's College from which she had been graduated but a couple of months previous to his return home.

He knew she was considered a brilliant scholar and that his father had been very fond and proud of his only brother's only child, and was surprised and pained to learn that his mother seemed to dislike the girl whom she seldom mentioned but as "Mr. Bright's niece." He found it impossible to account for this, since his mother had never seen his cousin.

Mr. Nathan Bright, Stephen's father, had been a great financier. His unerring judgement, keen perceptions and astuteness made him so. The same character, in different degree, bequeathed to Stephen made him something of a diplomat. He did not attempt to combat his

mother's prejudices but went to a lawyer to learn their cause.

He found the lawyer disagreeably present when he asked him.

"Mr. Edison, what were my intentions in regard to my cousin Miriam?"

"Your father, Mr. Bright, would adopt Miss Bright as a daughter."

"He would divide his property between yourself, your mother and Miss Bright, and a will was drawn up according to those terms. It lacked only his signature to make it a legal document."

"He withheld hoping that she should become a member of his family, your mother's prejudices would disappear and the young girl might be adopted and made joint heir with herself."

"Accept, you foolish boy, I would be proud of her!"